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SUBJECT: ELECTIONS ADVANCED TO 1976

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1. DURING NOVEMBER 17 MEETING, PRESIDENT PERON AND CABINET AGREED TO ADVANCE PRESIDENTIAL, FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS TO LAST QUARTER OF 1976. ELECTIONS REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1977. DECISION ALSO TAKEN TO CONVOKE ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVE SECTORS TO FORM A NATIONAL PROJECT COUNCIL FOR PURPOSE OF LAYING DOWN BASIS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. MEMBERS OF CONSTITUENT CONGRESS ARE TO BE ELECTED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS.

2. COMMENT: MOVE TOWARD RECONCILIATION WITH OTHER PARTIES AND OTHER SECTORS AND FORWARDING OF ELECTIONS CAUGHT MOST OBSERVERS BY SURPRISE. GENERAL SPECULATION WAS THAT MRS. PERON WOULD USE OCCASION OF CABINET MEETING TO DISMISS SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS, INCLUDING MININTERIOR ROBLEDO. RADICAL PARTY (UCR) HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR ELECTION IN 1976, THUS IT SHOULD GREET THIS DECISION WITH APPROVAL. ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE FOLKLORE, THERE ARE NO MILITARY GOLPES DURING AN ELECTION PERIOD AS THE MILITARY REFUSES TO "THWART THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE". WHETHER THAT TRADITION IS UPHELD REMAINS TO BE SEEN. AS FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MOVE

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NOT YET CLEAR, ANALYSIS OF ITS IMPACT ON POLITICAL PROCESS WILL

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